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SUBJECT: (U) REACTION TO ISRAELI RAID ON IRAQI
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REF: A) KUWAIT 2795 (NOTAL) B) KUWAIT 2817 (NOTAL)
1. KUWAITI REACTION TO ISRAELI RAID ON IRAQI
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NUCLEAR FACILITY HAS BEEN ANGRY, WITH MCH OF THE
ANGER DIRECTED AGAINST THE US AS PERCEIVED SUPPORTER
OF ISRAEL. INDIVIDUAL KUWAITIS HAVE EXPRESSED INCREDULITY
THAT AMERICAN MANNED AWACS IN PATROL OVER SAUDI ARABIA
WERE NOT ABLE TO DETEC ISRAELI AIRCRAFT ON WAY TO IRAQ.
IMPLICATION IS THAT AMERICAN PERSONNEL SIMPLY DID NOT NOTIFY
SAUDIS OF ISRAELI OVERFLIGHT.
2. (U) OFFICIAL GOK STATEMENTS
ON RAID UNSURPRISINGLY CALLED FOR "COLLECTIVE ARAB ACTION"
AND PLEDGED UNSPECIFIED SUPPORT FOR IRAQ. HARSHEST RHETORIC
CAME FROM NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. SOME DEPUTIES CALLED ON KUWAIT
AND OTHER ARAB OIL PRODUCERS TO REDUCE PRODUCTION AND TO EMBARGO
OIL SALES TO US.
OTHERS SUGGESTED WITHDRAWING ARAB FUNDS FROM US ECONOMY,
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SEEN AS FINANCING ISRAELI AGGRESSION. IN THE END, HOWEVER, JUNE 9 ASSEMBLY SESSION (AT SIX HOURS, THE LONGEST EVER) PRODUCED NOTHING MORE THAN A STATEMENT CONDEMING ISRAEL AND SUPPORTIVE OF IRAQ.

3. (U) KUWAIT BAR ASSOCIATION ISSUED A STATEMENT JUNE 10 CALLING UPON ALL ARAB GOVERNMENTS TO SUPPORT IRAQ MILITARILY AND FINANCIALLY AND IMPLORING SYRIA TO END ITS QUARREL WITH IRAQ. LAWYERS' STATEMENT DESCRIBED ISRAELI RAID AS PART OF A US-LED PLOT WHICH ALSO AIMED AT RENDING SYRIA AND ERADICATING THE PALESTINIAN RESISITANCE AND LEBAENESE NATIONAL MOVEMENT.

4. (LOU) THERE HAVE BEEN NO DEMONSTRATIONS OR OTHER SECURITY INCIDENTS HERE IN REACTION TO THE ISRAELI ACTION. LINE OF APPLICANTS SEEKING NIVS TO U.S. IS LONGER THAN EVER.

5. (C) COMMENT: [redacted] B3-1

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